



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 792

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING PATERNITY AND CHILD SUPPORT
OBLIGATIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to provide that (1) a man who
- 2 has a reasonable belief that he is the father of a child and sets forth
- 3 facts establishing a reasonable possibility of paternity shall be
- 4 permitted to require the mother and child to submit to genetic tests in
- 5 the manner set forth for such tests in section 46b-168a of the general
- 6 statutes in order to determine if the man is the father of the child; and
- 7 (2) if a mother of a child wilfully prevents the father of the child from
- 8 learning of the birth of the child or seeing the child, the father of the
- 9 child shall not be responsible for any arrearage in child support
- 10 payments that accrues during such period when such father is
- 11 unaware of the birth of the child or unable to see the child.

Statement of Purpose:

To permit a man to seek a court order for genetic testing to establish paternity when a reasonable possibility of paternity exists, and limit the accrual of child support obligations during any period when the

mother of a child wilfully prevents the father of the child from learning of the birth of the child or seeing the child.